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The Honorable Debra Bowen
Secretary of State
State of California

Re: Top-to-Bottom Review Response

Dear Ms. Bowen

Mariposa County has been using Sequoia Voting Systems AVC Edge II touch screens for all polling locations since the Special Statewide Election in 2005. We participated in the Parallel Monitoring Program sponsored by the Secretary of State's office in that election. The touch screens were found to be 100% accurate in that report. The touch screens were used again, June and November of 2006 and our canvass of both elections proved once again that the touch screens were 100% accurate. Prior to using touch screens, my office did an extensive outreach program designed to inform the voters on the use and security of the new system. Voters in Mariposa have been very supportive of touch screen voting and we have received positive feed back.

This testing was done in a laboratory environment and therefore, the security measures we have in place were not taken into account. The testers were only able to "assume" that an infected USB or Results Cartridge could be introduced into the election process. The testers themselves have said that many of the vulnerabilities encountered could already be mitigated by existing internal controls. Other invasions assumed access to the DRE's for a length of time that would allow access to the internal workings. Again, the testers admitted that this was absent any storage controls and security procedures.

Mariposa County's voting system has a proven record of accuracy and voter confidence from the community. I urge you to consider the current security procedures, accuracy, and local support for our voting system in your decision making.

Sincerely,

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